(v) The rate of royalty will range from Rs. 300 per cubic metre for black granite to Rs. 200 cubic metre for colour granite.

(vi) An annual dead rent of Rs. 10,000 per hectares will be charged if the lease holders fail to develop their mines within the prescribed time limit.

Production of granite

1669. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of granite in India in terms of quantity and value annually;

(b) what quantity of granite out of this is exported annually;

(c) whether any quantity of granite is imported also if so, how much is imported annually; and

(d) what is our quality of granite as compared to that of produced abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The total production, exports and imports of granite in India in quantity and value during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 &1992-93 are as given below:—

Year	Production		Exports		Imports	
	Qty. in thousand tonnes	Value in Rs. crores.	Qty. in tonnes	Value in Rs. lakhs	Qty. in tonnes	Value in Rs. lakhs
1990-91	1285	N.A.	636808	24233	649	57
1991-92	1012	N.A.	714951	37611	917	289
1992-93	992	289*	1223270	50397	106	18

N.A.—Not available

*excluding value of production in Tamil Nadu.

(d) No comparative study of quality of granite produced abroad and in India seems to have been made. However large number of popular colours, varities and grades of Indian granite are in demand in the international market.

Mineral concession for NMDC

1670. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to cancel or withdraw the mineral concessions for NMDC in respect of iron ore in the Kumaraswamy mines near Saudur in Bellary district of Karnataka and to transfer the concessions to M/s. Jindals;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received a memorandum submitted by the workers of Donimalai Iron Ore Project Employees Association to the Prime Minister protesting against this move; and

(d) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) There is no such proposal under Central Government's consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Donimalai Iron Ore Project Employees' Association, in their memorandum dated 7-5-1994 submitted to Prime Minister of India have protested